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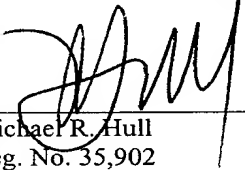
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For: Video Gaming Apparatus for  
Wagering with Universal Computerized  
Controller and I/O Interface for Unique  
Architecture

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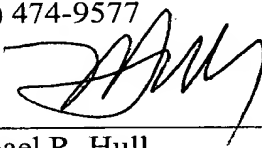
In addition to the reasons for allowance set forth in the allowance papers that were mailed in connection with the present application, it is respectfully submitted that the claims are allowable for the additional reasons that the invention defined by the language of the claims is neither anticipated by, nor would have been obvious when taken as a whole in view of, the art of record.

Respectfully submitted,

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